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**ASSIGNMENT BY INVENTORS**

**THIS ASSIGNMENT**, made this 28<sup>th</sup> day of JULY, 2004, by Pauline Maria Foster-Hamilton; Toshitaka Asai; and Noel W. Sutton (hereinafter referred to as Assignors), residing at 44 Greenfield Rd., Great Barr, Birmingham, B43 5AP, England; 310 Lake Meadow Drive, Waterford, Michigan 48327; and 1326 Vinewood Street, Auburn Hills, Michigan 48326, respectively;

**WHEREAS**, Assignors has invented certain new and useful improvements in a Boot with Articulating and Plunging Convolutes, set forth in a Patent application for Letters Patent of the United States, filed herewith; and

**WHEREAS**, GKN Driveline North America, Inc., a Corporation organized under and pursuant to the laws of Delaware having its principal place of business at 3300 University Drive, Auburn Hills, Michigan, 48326 (hereinafter referred to as Assignee), is desirous of acquiring the entire right, title and interest in and to said inventions and said Application for Letters Patent of the United States, and in and to any Letters Patent of the United States to be obtained therefore and thereon.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, in consideration of One Dollar (\$1.00) and other good and sufficient consideration, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, Assignors has sold, assigned, transferred and set over, and by these presents does sell, assign, transfer and set over, unto Assignee, its successors, legal representatives and assigns, the entire right, title and interest in and to the above-mentioned inventions and application for Letters Patent, and in and to any and all direct and indirect divisions, continuations and continuations-in-part of said application, and any and all Letters Patent in the United States and all foreign countries which may be granted therefore and thereon, and reissues, reexaminations and extensions of said Letters Patent, and all rights under the International Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property, the same to be held and enjoyed by Assignee, for its own use and benefit and the use and benefit of its successors, legal representatives and assigns, to the full end of the term or terms for which Letters Patent may be granted and/or extended, as fully and entirely as the same would have been held and enjoyed by Assignors, had this sale and assignment not been made.

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AND for the same consideration, Assignors hereby represents and warrants to Assignee, its successors, legal representatives and assigns, that, at the time of execution and delivery of these presents, except for any rights, titles and/or interests that have arisen to Assignee under law or that have already been transferred to Assignee, Assignors is the sole and lawful owners of the entire right, title and interest in and to the said inventions and application for Letters Patent above-mentioned, and that the same are unencumbered and that Assignors has good and full right and lawful authority to sell and convey the same in the manner herein set forth.

AND for the same consideration, Assignors hereby covenants and agrees to and with Assignee, its successors, legal representatives and assigns, that Assignors will sign all papers and documents, take all lawful oaths and do all acts necessary or required to be done for the procurement, maintenance, enforcement and defense of any Letters Patent and applications for Letters Patent for said inventions, without charge to Assignee, its successors, legal representatives and assigns, whenever counsel of Assignee, or counsel of its successors, legal representatives and assigns, shall advise: that any proceeding in connection with said inventions, or said Patent application for Letters Patent, or any proceeding in connection with any Letters Patent or applications for Letters Patent for said inventions in any country, including but not limited to interference proceedings, is lawful and desirable; or, that any division, continuation or continuation-in-part of any application for Letters Patent, or any reissue, reexamination or extension of any Letters Patent, to be obtained thereon, is lawful and desirable.

AND Assignors hereby requests the Commissioner of Patent and Trademarks to issue said Letters Patent of the United States to Assignee, as Assignee of said inventions and the Letters Patent to be issued thereon, for the sole use and benefit of Assignee, its successors, legal representatives and assigns.

AND Assignors hereby grants the following individuals the power to insert on this Assignment any further identification which may be necessary or desirable in order to comply with the rules of the United States Patent and Trademark Office for recordation of this document:

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AND Assignors acknowledges an obligation of assignment of this invention to  
Assignee at the time the invention was made.

Pauline Maria Foster-Hamilton  
Pauline Maria Foster-Hamilton

Date: 27 July 2004

Toshitaka Asai  
Toshitaka Asai

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

United States of America )

State of ) ss.:

Michigan

County of )

Oakland

On this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2004, before me  
personally came Toshitaka Asai, to me known to be the individual  
described in and who executed the foregoing instrument, and acknowledged execution  
of the same.

Kathleen Ann Sheere, Notary Public  
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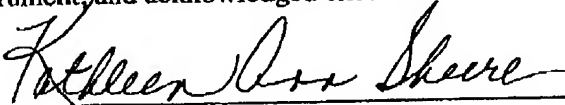
Pauline Maria Foster-HamiltonDate: 

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Toshitaka AsaiDate: 07/21/2004

United States of America )  
State of Michigan ) ss.:  
County of Oakland )

On this 21st day of JULY, 2004, before me  
personally came Toshitaka Asai, to me known to be the individual  
described in and who executed the foregoing instrument, and acknowledged execution  
of the same.

  
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Noel W. Sutton  
Noel W. Sutton

Date: 7/27/04

United States of America )  
State of Michigan ) ss.:  
County of Oakland )

On this 27th day of JULY, 2004, before me  
personally came Noel W. Sutton, to me known to be the individual  
described in and who executed the foregoing instrument, and acknowledged execution  
of the same.

Kathleen Ann Sheere  
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